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1. WE HAD INTENDED MENTION FOLLOWING DETAIL RE
KHMER-SAG RELATIONS INWRAP-UP CABLE RE LONG BORET'S
VISIT TO LEBANON, BUT IN VIEW REFTTEL BELIEVE IT SHOULD
BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
2. WHILE WAITING IN BEIRUT AIRPORT'S VIP SALON FOR
DEPARTURE OF HIS FLIGHT TO BANGKOK EVENING SEPT. 9,
PRIMIN BORET CROSSED PATHS WITH SAG FONMIN OMAR SAQQAF.
PRIMIN LOST NO TIME IN INTRODUCING SELF TO SAQQAF, AND
HALF-HOUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION ENSUED IN WHICH
PRIMIN SPOKE AT LENGTH AND SAQQAF KEPT NODDING
APPRECIATIVELY AND PUFFING ON HIS PIPE. PRIMIN
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF ON WAY TO BOARD AIRCRAFT
THAT HE HAD MANAGED TO REVIEW SALIENT POINTS OF HIS
VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH SAQQAF AND THAT HE WAS
MOST ENCOURAGED BY FONMIN'S REACTION.
3. THERE NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT ALTHOUGH PRIMIN
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BORET MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN MEANING OF "INSHALLAH" WHEN

HE BEGAN HIS ME TOUR, HE CERTAINLY GRASPED IT VERY
WELL BY TIME HE RETURNED HOME.
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